

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY CITY OF GAINESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR 2025-2026 FEDERAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The City of Gainesville (City) receives an annual funding allocation from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). All Funding is subject to appropriation by HUD. The City estimates receiving the following funding through the CDBG and HOME Programs for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025:

| Program | <b>Entitlement Allocation</b> | Program Income | Total       |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
|         |                               | (Projected)    | (Estimated) |
| CDBG    | \$1,386,148                   | \$0            | \$1,386,148 |
| HOME    | \$548,431                     | \$5,000        | \$553,431   |

The City of Gainesville anticipates having approximately \$400,000 (\$200,000 Public Services and \$200,000 other housing organizations) CDBG Program funding available for new projects; AND \$202,265 HOME Program funding (\$82,265 Community Housing Development Organization/CHDO and \$120,000 other housing organizations) available for housing projects. Any funding changes to actual HUD allocations will be adjusted per HUD category requirements (Administrative – 20% and Public Services – 15%), with all other changes applied to housing programs (Outside Agencies and City of Gainesville).

Applications will be accepted from eligible not-for-profit organizations for the FY 2025-2026 program year for the following types of eligible activities which fall within the priority needs stated in the City's Program Year (PY) 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and benefit very low, low and moderate-income residents within the City of Gainesville:

- Housing
- Homeless Assistance
- Job Training/Employment assistance
- Nutritional Support
- Programs that serve disadvantaged or at-risk youth or elderly persons

As part of the CDBG Public Services allocation, the City anticipates funding \$25,000 to support temporary shelter and other support services for homeless persons, during periods of cold weather or other emergencies caused by extraordinary circumstances that threaten the physical health and/or welfare of homeless persons. Priority shall be given to homeless families with children (age 18 years and under) and/or homeless youth (age 18 years and under). The City is accepting applications from qualified organizations to provide temporary emergency indoor shelter and other support services during the upcoming cold weather months (November 2025 - March 2026). In the event of cold weather conditions prior to November 1, 2025, the City may authorize implementation of the Cold Night Shelter Program to ensure assistance is available to homeless persons.

All applications must demonstrate that temporary emergency indoor shelter and supportive services will be in strict compliance with applicable sections of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances, including Section 30-2.1. Definitions; Section 30-5.12. Food Distribution Centers for the Needy; Section 30-5.22. Places of Religious Assembly; and Section 30-5.24. Residences for Destitute People. All applications submitted must also demonstrate compliance with the City Manager's Administrative Procedure regarding the cold night temperature threshold (45° Fahrenheit) at which normally permitted occupancy limits can be exceeded for limited time periods. The City will award funding for this program to a qualified applicant who provides the most effective use of funds to provide temporary emergency indoor shelter and supportive services for homeless children and adults with children during the cold weather months. The City will award an ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION (quasi-governmental or non-profit agency with current 501(c)(3) tax exempt status) who submits an application for eligible homeless assistance activities.

A full description of applicant and project eligibilities are included in the CDBG/HOME Application Packet. Applications will be available online beginning Tuesday, April 29, 2025, on the following website:

https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/gainesvillefl/Participant

For 2025-2026, the City will only accept electronically submitted CDBG-HOME applications for funding consideration

The deadline for submitting these applications is:

Monday, May 12, 2025 at 11:59 pm (Local Time)

\*\*Applications will not be accepted after 11:59 pm\*\*

The City will conduct an OPTIONAL Zoom workshop for prospective CDBG-HOME applicants on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., utilizing the following link:

## $\underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85903306299?pwd=T3qc5qdpzMv17hOg147KaFPnNDBYLv.1}$

For more information, please call the Housing & Community Development Department at (352) 393-8864 or for Cold Night Shelter inquiries call Neighborhood Planning at (352) 393-8565.

The City of Gainesville is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Drug Free Workplace Employer. The City of Gainesville is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in all City programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities or persons with Limited English Proficiency requiring auxiliary aids or services. Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in any proceeding should contact the City of Gainesville Office of Equity and Inclusion at (352) 334-5051 (voice) or 711 (Florida Relay Service) for TTY (Text Telephone Telecommunication Device) users. For Speech to Speech (STS) relay, please call 1-877-955-5334. For STS Spanish relay, please call 1-877-955-8707. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance of meetings in order to allow the city time to provide the requested services.

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